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U.S. Drug Agent Kidnapped

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MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11 — The United States Embassy announced today that an agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration had been kidnapped in the western Mexico city of Guadalajara. The kidnappers were believed to be involved in drug trafficking in Mexico.

The kidnapping was the first of a United States narcotics agent in Mexico since the two countries began the current phase of a joint anti-drug effort in 1975.

But last October the car of a Drug Enforcement Administration agent in Guadalajara was riddled with bullets by an unidentified person wielding a machine gun outside his home. No injuries or arrests were reported in that incident.

A spokesman said there had been no ransom demand from or other contact with the kidnappers. The United States Ambassador, John Gavin, said in a statement that neither the United States nor Mexico would be "intimidated by mafia thugs" into reducing the joint anti-drug effort.

Embassy Offers Reward

The embassy said it was offering a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to the whereabouts of the agent, Enrique Camarena Salazar, who disappeared shortly after leaving the United

States Consulate in Guadalajara at about 2:30 P.M. last Thursday.

A spokesman for the United States Embassy said that a witness had reported having seen Mr. Camarena Salazar being forced into a car by four armed men.

Mr. Camarena Salazar, who is 37 years old, is a Mexican-born naturalized United States citizen. He has been with the Drug Enforcement Administration since 1974 and has been stationed in Guadalajara since 1980. He is married and has three children.

A spokesman for the Mexican Attorney General's office, Francisco Fonseca, said he could report only that "state and federal judicial police are investigating" Mr. Camarena Salazar's disappearance.

A high-ranking Mexican official said the Mexican Government had become increasingly concerned in recent months over intelligence indicating a growth of drug-related activities in the Guadalajara area. The city, Mexico's second largest, is a short distance from the western coastal state of Sinaloa, one of the country's most active areas in the production of illegal drugs.

The official added that the most unusual thing about the incident was, "frankly, that he was kidnapped — they usually just kill them."